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PROPOSALS

For laying a DUTY on Beds, &c. to raiſe the Annual Sum of 342,872 *l.*

And on Horſes, to raiſe a farther Annual Sum of 123,912 *l.*

In all 466,784 *l.*

WHEREAS it is propos'd to raiſe, by way of Lottery, for the Service of the Current Year 1712, the Sum of Three Millons Sterling: That a Fund of 319,228 *l.* (to be continued Annually for Thirty Two Years to come) be eſtabliſh'd, for ſecuring the Benefits and Blanks in the ſame.

And whereas the ſaid Annual Fund of 319,228 *l.* will, 'tis preſum'd, be laid as eaſy as poſſible on the Subject; And alſo in an equal and proportionable Manner, ſo that it may be General, without being over heavy upon ſome Perſons, and excuſing others; It is hereby humbly propos'd,

That a Duty be laid upon all manner of Beds, Quilts, Couches, *&c.* to lye upon, made of Feathers, Downe, Flocks, Chaff, or whatever elſe; quilted, or ſew'd up in Ticking, or any other Cover, or Wrapper, of what kind ſoever.

That in laying the ſaid Duty, Regard be had only to the Bed it ſelf, without conſidering the Frame, Curtains, Vallins, or other Furniture.

That all Perſons receiving Alms, be exempt from the ſaid Duty.

That all Beds in the Hands of *Upholſters*, or ſuch like other Wholeſale Dealers, be alſo excuſed; ſaving only ſuch Beds that are in immediate Uſe for Themſelves, or Families, to lodge upon; and one more, call'd a Spare-Bed.

That Seamen be liable to the ſame Duty for their Beds and Hammocks, excepting thoſe who are in Her Majeſty's Service: But no Commiſſion Officers, even in the Service, to be excus'd.

That, to prevent Fraud, the proper Officers which ſhall be appointed to take Accompt of this Duty, may have ſmall Leaden Seals to affix on one Corner of every Bed, with the Regal Crown on both ſides, and round it the Duty it hath paid, or is to pay, in Words at length: And, that the ſaid Seal be ſo contriv'd, that by applying an Hand-Vice, or ſuch like other Inſtrument,

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ment, to the Rivet of the ſame, with the Date of the Year cut within the Chaps of the ſaid Inſtrument (when ſcrew'd down) it may leave the ſaid Date fix'd on both ſides the Rivet.

But this Prevention of Fraud may alſo be contriv'd by other Methods.

That there is in *England*, *Wales*, and *Berwick upon Tweed*, by Computation	9913 Pariſhes.
And by the neareſt Calculation ever yet made	1,175,951 Houſes.
Allowing Six Perſons to each Houſe, there will be	7,055,706 Perſons.
Out of which deduct Twenty Perſons in every of the ſaid 9913 Pariſhes, receiving Alms (which is a large Number) and the Remainder is	6,857,446 Perſons.
By allotting Two Perſons to one Bed, there will be	3,428,723 Beds.
Which, at ſo ſmall a Duty as 2 *s.* annually on each Bed, raiſes the Sum of	342,872 *l.*
And this over-pays the propos'd Annual Fund	319,228 *l.*
By a Surpluſage of	23,644 *l.*

Which Surpluſage may be apply'd for the Maintenance of a certain Number of Officers, to be appointed for the taking Account of the ſaid Duty.

But it is to be obſerv'd, the above Calculation is excluſive of *Scotland*, excluſive of one ſpare Bed in each Houſe in *England*, *&c.* (which may very reaſonably be ſuppos'd) excluſive of Couches, Sea-Men's Hammocks, *&c.* And alſo excluſive of a great number of Beds, which are ſunk, by reckoning Two Perſons to every One Bed; whereas a Multitude are lodg'd upon by each one Perſon only.

So that if the number of Beds excluded, or unreckon'd, be added to the above Number, it is humbly preſum'd, the Annual Sum ariſing by a Duty of 2 *s.* each Bed, will be near doubled; And conſequently, the Tickets in the ſaid propos'd Lottery, will be almoſt paid off in one half of the time, as in that Propoſal limited.

But, if the Sum of 4 *s.* be laid on each Bed Annually, the ſaid Fund will be near Quadruple the above Sum of 342,872 *l.* (including *Scotland*, Spare-Beds, Couches, Sea-Men's Hammocks, *&c.*) And will (if moſt proper) yet leſſen the time for Payment of the ſaid Tickets, *&c.*——*&c.*

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All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Honourable the Houſe of Commons.

Another

Another PROPOSAL is likewiſe humbly offer'd.

THAT there be a general Taxation upon all Horſes (whether labouring or otherwiſe) after Three Years old.

That, if they are not of that Age, they ſhall be liable to the ſame Duty, ſo ſoon as they begin to be work'd.

That, by laying the Sum of Five Shillings *per Annum*, on each Horſe, the whole Yearly Fund will amount to 123,912 *l.*

For,

If (according as above calculated,) there be in *England*, *Wales*, and *Berwick*, ——— 9913 Pariſhes.

And in each Pariſh, one with another, 50 Horſes ——— There will be ——— 495,650 Horſes.

At a Rate of 5*s.* on every One, is *per Annum* ——— 123,912 *l.*

But this is likewiſe excluſive of *Scotland*.

That where there are working Oxen, they may be alſo taxed, but at the one half of what each Horſe ſhall be taxed.

That when ſuch Oxen ſhall have done Labour, and are thrown by for feeding; The Duty laid on them, from ſuch time, ſhall ceaſe.

That ſuch Officers as may be appointed to take into their care this Taxation, ariſing by Horſes, *&c.* ſhall have ſmall Fire-Irons to brand every Horſe on the Hoof: But ſo deviſed, that ſuch Mark may be no Eye-Sore, or Diſadvantage. And,

That the Oxen be branded on the Horn. Or,

That this Duty may be aſſeſs'd by the Aſſeſſors of the Land-Tax, and collected by the Collectors of the ſame.

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All which is alſo moſt humbly ſubmitted, &c.

PROPOSALS

FOR

Raiſing the Annual Sum of 342,872 *l.*

To Anſwer the Fund 319,228 *l.*
For paying off a LOTTERY

OF

Three Millions.

Drawn for the Service of the YEAR 1712.

Or to be apply'd to ſuch Uſe, as ſhall be thought more proper.

And for raiſing a further Sum of 123,912 *l.*

In all 466,784 *l.*

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